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Dear All

Heh-heh - this is the last one of our bi-monthly prayer letters as in two months we will be back in Orkney, and we really look forward to that happening in 57 sleeps. Term 3 was a stinker partly due to Easter being early and us cramming an extra two weeks work into the 7 week term. Good news is this term is longer and the work a bit less.

The last day of term saw us awakened in the middle of the night with the news that Les's mum had passed away. We got the last two seats out of Auckland next day to arrive home for the funeral in Larbert. It was good to see so many Orcadians down for the holidays even though we hadn't time to get back home a look. It was super to travel back out with Donald and we were able to smuggle him through customs even though he didn't have enough money in his account for his visa. He got his visa two days later and began paid work that morning in the college nursery. He jokes that he is now paying both his parents through college. Thankfully Andrew looks after himself.

First week back Les did a Exegesis course on Romans, and Fiona did a Christian Community Development Course. This term we have Theology I, Exegesis of Acts and Spiritual Formation and we will finish up with a block course on Working in Teams before we graduate on 3rd July. You are all invited! Next day we leave for the airport as soon as we get packed up and clean the flat and next we know we will arrive at Birmingham airport where Cameron has offered to meet us. (That is a seriously good offer to get Fiona back home before her 50th!)

Praise points

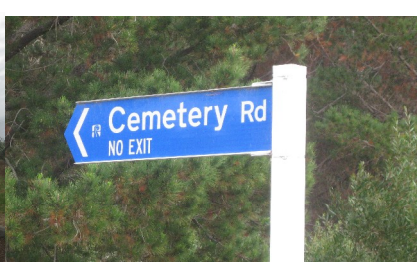
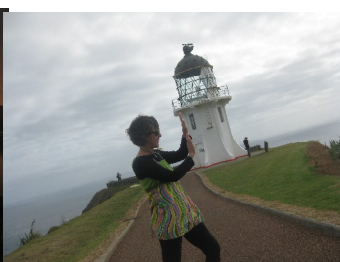
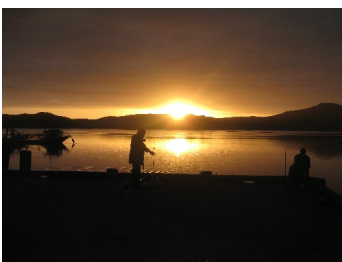
- Safe travels and the payment of all our costs to attend the funeral from our travel insurance company
- An 'instant' working permit for Donald when they told us the minimum turn around was 3-5 weeks
- Support from Church and several friends during quite a rocky spell spiritually - you know who you are!

Prayer points

- That we manage to finish well both with our academic efforts but more so with our trust in God intact
- For our non-Christian friends as our time here draws to a close we want them to open up their hearts and experience Jesus first hand not just through listening to us - some are even coming to the graduation.
- For our ministry teams as we continue with Maori youth and Korean Children's projects
- For clear guidance about the timing of Candidates' Orientation and onward travel to Spain
- For God's provision of health to continue and future guidance about what we should do with the business and the house. (Offers or suggestions anyone?)

Thank you for standing with us during the past year, we have learned so much but perhaps less from text books and more from the hard knocks of real life at a missionary training college - we reckon we have had the full two years of challenge even though we took the shorter option! God bless you and hope to see you soon.

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